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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition leads to diversity of choice, the lifeblood of our democratic nation.

Monopolies lead to higher cost and poorer services (or goods) in all endeavors.

Broadband is the basis of timely communication.

This is true not only in business and schools, but also for families and friends separated by distance and circumstance.

Thank you for protecting our schools, small businesses and consumers.

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